SEZs operating in the country

†*179. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of SEZs sanctioned to be established in the country till June, 2009;

(b) the number of SEZs till June, 2009, that have started industrial production; and

(c) the volume of average capital investment made in the industrial units operating in these SEZs and average number of persons employed therein?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA) : (a) In addition to the Seven Central Government SEZs and 12 State/Private Sector SEZs set up prior to the enactment of SEZ Act, 2005, formal approval has been accorded to 578 proposals out of which 323 SEZs have been notified.

(b) A total of 91 SEZs are operational.

(c) Investment of Rs. 1,08,903 crore has been made in SEZs and direct employment for 3,87,439 persons have been generated. Total export of Rs. 99,689 crore has been made from SEZs during the financial year 2008-09 registering a growth of 50% over the exports for the year 2007-08.

Decline in Industrial Production

*180. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial production during February to April, 2009 showed a marked decline compared to the corresponding period in the year 2008, if so, the comparative growth figures during the two years;

(b) whether it was largely attributable to the manufacturing growth which nose-dived; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The growth of industrial production and manufacturing, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) during February to April, 2009 and the corresponding period in 2008 is given in the table below. It can be seen that there is a strong linkage between the performance of manufacturing sector and the IIP. Manufacturing sector accounts for about 80% of the IIP in terms of weight.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Growth in Index of Industrial Production and manufacturing during February to April 2009

(in per cent)

	2008			2009		
	February	March	April	February	March	April
Manufacturing	9.6	5.7	6.7	0.2	-1.6	0.4
Overall Industrial Production	9.5	5.5	6.2	0.2	-0.8	1.2

(c) Growth in the manufacturing sector was affected by the global recession and consequent slowdown of industrial production. The major reasons of the slowdown, *inter alia*, include contraction in demand particularly in respect of for export oriented industries, adverse conditions for access to external capital, high cost of credit, high cost of inputs, and depressed business confidence.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New Trade Policy

1176. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Government is going to announce its New Trade Policy;

(b) what measures proposed to be taken in the New Trade Policy to stabilize the industrial production, incentives to exports, etc.; and

(c) what would be the other salient features of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The existing comprehensive Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2004-09 has been extended beyond 31.3.2009 "till further amendments" vide Notification No. 70 dated 8.12.2008. Government has been taking appropriate measures to arrest the decline in exports. Measures announced in the form of stimulus packages (including the Trade Facilitation Measures announced in February' 09) and in the Budget 2009-10, by the Government, particularly for exporting sector is given in the Statement (see below). Government closely monitors the different export sectors and need based measures are taken keeping in view the financial implications.

Statement

Steps taken by Government/RIB to address the concerns arising out of present global economic slow down.

(**A**) **Measures taken by the Government:**

(1) Interest subvention of 2% provided, till 30.9.2009, to the following labour intensive sectors for exports:-